



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
DISABILITIES  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
<http://laccod.org>**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2012**

**1:00 PM**

AUDIO LINK FOR ENTIRE MEETING (12-4417)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Call to order. (12-3775)

**The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal at 1:10 p.m. She noted a lack of a quorum; and discussed Item Nos. 4, 6 and 7. All other items will be addressed once a quorum is established.**

Present: Vice President Janet A. Neal, 2nd Vice President John R. James, Treasurer Kecia Brook Weller, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer, Commissioner Alexia Teran and Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro

Excused: President John B. Troost, Commissioner Wan Chun Chang, Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner Ruben Anthony Rios and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of June 20, 2012. (Continued from the meeting of July 18, 2012.) (12-2995)

**On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, unanimously carried (Commissioner Alexia Teran being absent), this item was approved.**

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2. Oath of Office Ceremony for Commissioner John R. James, as Commission on Disabilities' 2nd Vice President and Commissioner Kecia Weller as Treasurer for 2012-2014. (12-3789)

**Emma De Jesus, Commission Services Staff, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner John R. James, as 2nd Vice President and Kecia Weller, as Treasurer of the Commission on Disabilities. 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal congratulated the 2012-2014 Officers.**

**By common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

3. Approval of costs for refreshments at the Installation Ceremony held on Wednesday, July 18, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$284.16, from the Commission on Disabilities' Trust Fund Account. (Continued from the meeting of 7/18/12.) (12-3020)

**On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 2nd Vice President John R. James, unanimously carried (Commissioner Alexia Teran being absent), this item was approved.**

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4. Discussion and approval of fees for photography services at the June 26, 2012, Commission on Disabilities' Scholarship Presentation and Orientation provided by William Kindston, in the amount of \$150.00, from the Commission on Disabilities' Trust Fund Account. (12-3328)

**After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Treasurer Kecia Weller, unanimously carried (Commissioner Alexia Teran being absent), this item was approved.**

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5. Recommendation to amend the location name of the 2012 Access Awards Luncheon from the Kyoto Grand Hotel and Gardens to the DoubleTree by Hilton Los Angeles Downtown, located at 120 South Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California, due to a change in ownership. (12-3794)

**On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Treasurer Kecia Weller, unanimously carried (Commissioner Alexia Teran being absent), this item was approved.**

6. Discussion and approval to purchase promotional items during Fiscal Year 2012-2013 for future events and programs to promote the Commission on Disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$2,250.00, from the Commission on Disabilities' Trust Fund Account. (12-3770)

**After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 2nd Vice President John R. James, unanimously carried (Commissioner Alexia Teran being absent), this item was approved.**

7. Discussion and approval of the proposed timeline, for the Commission on Disabilities to make an appointment to the Access Services, Incorporated, Board of Directors. (11-4154)

**Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.**

**After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 2nd Vice President John R. James, unanimously carried (Commissioner Alexia Teran being absent), this item was approved.**

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## **II. SET MATTERS**

8. SET ITEM 1:15 P.M.

Presentation by Jeff Reeb, Access and Functional Needs Coordinator, Office of Emergency Management, on Access Services Specific Needs Awareness Planning (SNAP) Program (Continued from the meeting of 7/18/12). (12-3302)

**Jeff Reeb, Access and Functional Needs Coordinator, Office of Emergency Management, provided a presentation on the Specific Needs Awareness Planning (SNAP) program offered by Access Services. He stated SNAP is a web based volunteer program and Access Services is working on upgrading the security feature; currently Access Services provide information in braille and audio in English and Spanish. He also reported that Access Services received a \$75,000 grant from the State of California, and that 88 cities have access to the resources provided by Access Services. He then responded to questions posed by the Commission.**

**Commissioner Teran excused herself from the meeting at 1:30 p.m.**

**Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission regarding Access Services and possible collaboration with other organizations on community emergency preparedness.**

**Commissioners Wendy Welt Narro, Maria Mustelier-Parrish and Winslow Reitnouer joined the meeting at 1:39 p.m., 1:40 p.m. and 1:57 p.m. respectively, establishing a quorum.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

**9. SET ITEM 1:30 P.M.**

Presentation on policies and requirements associated with obtaining a "Blue Curb" designation, by Allen Niño, Associate Civil Engineer, Traffic and Lighting Division, Traffic Investigations Section, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. (12-3496)

**Alan Nino, Associate Civil Engineer, Traffic and Lighting Division, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, provided an overview of the process to qualify to have a "Blue Curb" designation installed. He then responded to questions posed by the Commission.**

**Daniel Garcia and Joseph Deguerre addressed the Commission regarding the criteria for obtaining a "Blue Curb" designation when the requestor's neighbors oppose the designation of a "Blue Curb".**

**1st Vice President Neal thanked Mr. Nino for his presentation to the Commission.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

**III. REPORTS**

**10. President's Report for August and September 2012. (12-3779)**

**The President's report was continued without discussion to the meeting of October 17, 2012.**

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11. Report by Events Committee on meetings held August 8, 2012 and September 12, 2012. (12-3774)

**1st Vice President Neal provided a verbal report on the September 12, 2012 Events Committee meeting. She announced that Shari Gamson, Greater San Gabriel Ehlers–Danlos Syndrome Foundation, Noreen Vincent, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, Gerardo Borrego, KTYM Radio, the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Nine O'Clock Players will be honored at the 21st Access Awards Luncheon for their contributions to the disabled community. Additionally, 1st Vice President Neal encouraged the Commissioners to sell more tickets and ads to the event.**

**Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission regarding the 21st Access Awards Luncheon.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.**

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12. Monthly report by Louis Burns of Access Services, Inc. (12-3777)

**Louis Burns of Access Services reported on the proposed .25 cents fare increase by Access Services. He also reported on a previously asked question regarding the cost to replace lost or stolen TAP Card; he stated the cards which contain the Visa logo and a security feature embedded are very expensive to produce and Access Services is not receiving any funding or proceeds from Visa, so, the cost for replacing the cards was passed on to the customer. He shared a copy of Access Services new brochure with the Commission, and informed the Commission that Access Services will conduct a Public Hearing at the Metropolitan Station on October 3, 2012 regarding the proposed fare increase and adjustment in services being provided. Mr. Burns responded to questions posed by the Commission. He also made a generous donation to the Commission of promotional items to be distributed at the 21st Access Services Awards Luncheon to be held on October 15, 2012.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

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13. Report by Chip Hazen, ADA Compliance Administrator and Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Paratransit Program Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (12-4003)

**Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Paratransit Program Administrator for Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO), reported that Access Services budget is available on METRO's website at metro.net. She also extended an invitation for Commissioners to visit the METRO Station located in El Monte, California.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.**

#### **IV. DISCUSSION**

14. Discussion regarding dedication of the 2nd Floor ramp located in the Mall area of the Kenneth Hahn Hall Administration, in the memory of former Commissioner Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. (Continued from the meeting of 07/18/12.) (12-3066)

**1st Vice President Neal stated that no date has been selected for the Ernest T. Hamilton Jr. ramp dedication, and that there are two possible financial donations to fund the cost of the plaque. She asked Commissioner Reitnouer to assist in the wording of the plaque, Commissioner Reitnouer agreed.**

**Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission, and noted the lack of any visible handicap signs alerting disabled persons to the wheelchair ramp.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.**

#### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **Matters Not Posted**

15. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-3306)

**No matters were posted.**

**Public Comment**

16. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-2972)

**Maria Tan addressed the Commission on problems with Access Services' TAP card.**

**Nicola Merry addressed the Commission on crowded buses and housing for the disabled.**

**Joseph Deguerre addressed the Commission on crowded buses with poor ventilation and problems the disabled faces when obtaining seating/space on Metro buses.**

**Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission on Ordinance regarding the types of trees used to be placed along City/County sidewalks and the need for affordable accessible housing.**

**Adjournment**

17. Adjournment for the meeting of September 19, 2012. (12-3504)

**On motion of Treasurer Kecia Weller, seconded by Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, unanimously carried (Commissioner Alexia Teran being absent), the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. in memory of Dr. Ryan Koyama.**